

Torrance, California  
October 26, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on October 26, 1937, at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. Absent: Councilman: Powell.

A short recess was declared to await the arrival of Councilman Powell.

The meeting was resumed at 8:51 p.m.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held October 13, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Leonard Babcock, District Commissioner of Boy Scouts, was read. Mr. Babcock requested that the Municipal Auditorium be granted free of charge to the Boy Scout Troops of Torrance on November 16, 1937.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted.

Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

After some discussion on the subject of zoning for residential purposes the area west of Cedar Avenue, Attorney Rippey stated that the proper procedure at this time would be to draw up a tentative report, together with a tentative ordinance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a tentative zoning report be prepared, with a tentative ordinance attached. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Leonard suggested that something be done about deciding upon the road improvement to be made using Gasoline Tax Fund allocation. He stated that the Cabrillo Avenue improvement

would amount to about \$6,000.00 and that the Torrance Boulevard improvement would amount to about \$10,400.00.

Councilman Tolson suggested that the matter be held over until the next meeting.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for building cupboards and racks for dishes in the Administration Building kitchen.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock made a report on tree removals.

Councilman Tolson brought up the subject of placing a "Chamber of Commerce" sign on the Administration Building. It was decided that the figures are to be obtained for placing a neon sign and for printing the sign on the door before any action is taken by the Council. It was suggested that Mr. Butterfield obtain figures on a neon sign.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$24.00 per month be made for ammunition for the Police Department, to be used for practice shooting at the rifle range.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the putting in of a curb and shrubbery at the Administration Building from the sidewalk to the alley be authorized.

Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There was a request that the license fee for operation of a small grocery store at 2087 Torrance Boulevard be reduced. The request was denied.

Mr. Miller asked that a communication which had been submitted by the Torrance Improvement Association be read. The Clerk read the communication requesting the City Council to issue a written statement that the City of Torrance will furnish all materials and labor necessary to pave certain portions of Cabrillo Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Carson Street.

Upon motion by Councilman Deininger and seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, and unanimously adopted, it was resolved that the City Council was in favor of paving the Pacific Electric right-of-way between Torrance Boulevard and Carson Street on Cabrillo Avenue, and taking out the curb thereon, provided the proposed improvement could be done without replacing the present rails with girder rail construction, and provided further that funds are available therefor when said improvement is to be made.

Councilman Deininger moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Mr. Connor brought up the subject of the traffic hazard at the Cabrillo Avenue and Carson Street intersection, stating that this is one of the busiest intersections and one which receives the least attention as to traffic rules and regulations.

At 8:30 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

A. H. Bader  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

W. H. Brown  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.